(c) was he given any pension recently;

(d) if so will a copy of his petition with the orders thereon be placed on the table of the House?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 15th Kumbham 1099.

(b) Abolition of the post.

(c) Yes. Rs. 33—5—0.

(d) Copies of his petition and the orders on it are appended. (*Appendices XIV and XV.*)

Lump purchases of timber for the manufacture of furniture.

250. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Tramway Engineer purchased in lump 400 candies of teak and rosewood for the manufacture and sale of furniture in 1105 and 1106;

(2) what was the date of the purchase;

(3) has all the timber been utilised for the manufacture of furniture;

(4) if not, what is the balance now held in stock;

(5) have the transactions in furniture, since the purchase referred to in (1) resulted in gain or loss;

(6) what is the amount of gain or loss;

(7) what is the reason for such lump purchases when timber is readily available in the Government Chalakkudi depot;

(8) how many cft. of sizes on an average are obtained from one candy of timber in the Tramway workshop;

(9) has Government information about the conversion ratio between the volumes of timber before and after sawing obtained in other sawing mills?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Yes, but not exclusively for the manufacture of furniture.

(2) 32—12—1105.

(3) No.

(4) Candies 274—11—4—7.

(5) Gain.

(6) Rs. 274—10—4.

(7) It was more advantageous.

(8) Between 7 to 10 cft.

(9) No information.

Crime chart—last 10 years.

251. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) a crime-chart covering the last ten years in the State;

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(b) how they appreciate the rise in the graph since the present depression began;

(c) their detailed impression of the part economic conditions of society play in the causation of crime;

(d) whether they are aware that an equitable distribution of wealth will automatically drive down the crime-chart;

(e) how they intend to materialise the suggestion above?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A chart of grave crimes is appended. (*Appendix XVI.*)

(b) The graph does not seem to Government to indicate any connection between the increase in grave crime and the present depression.

(c) It is impossible to give a definite reply.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the whole question am I to understand that the answer is given on the strength of the First False Information Report or as a result of mature enquiry?

Deputy President.—You have put so many questions. You may put supplementary questions on a, b, c and e, and not on the whole question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Let it be (a).

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is answered. A statement is given which is from the figures in my office.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Is it possible to give a definite reply?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— It is not possible.

Competition—Private business.

252. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what they have done in the past to regulate cut-throat competition among the various departments of private business in the State;

(b) what they intend to do with reference to (a);

(c) whether they conform to any long-winded idea of non-interference in private business;

(d) whether they are aware that the harm to the public suggested by (c) can best be solved by ending the species of private business and that their unwillingness both for communalising industries and for interfering with private industries for considerations of greater public good throws them into a vicious circle, where in their term Government has no connotation whatsoever?

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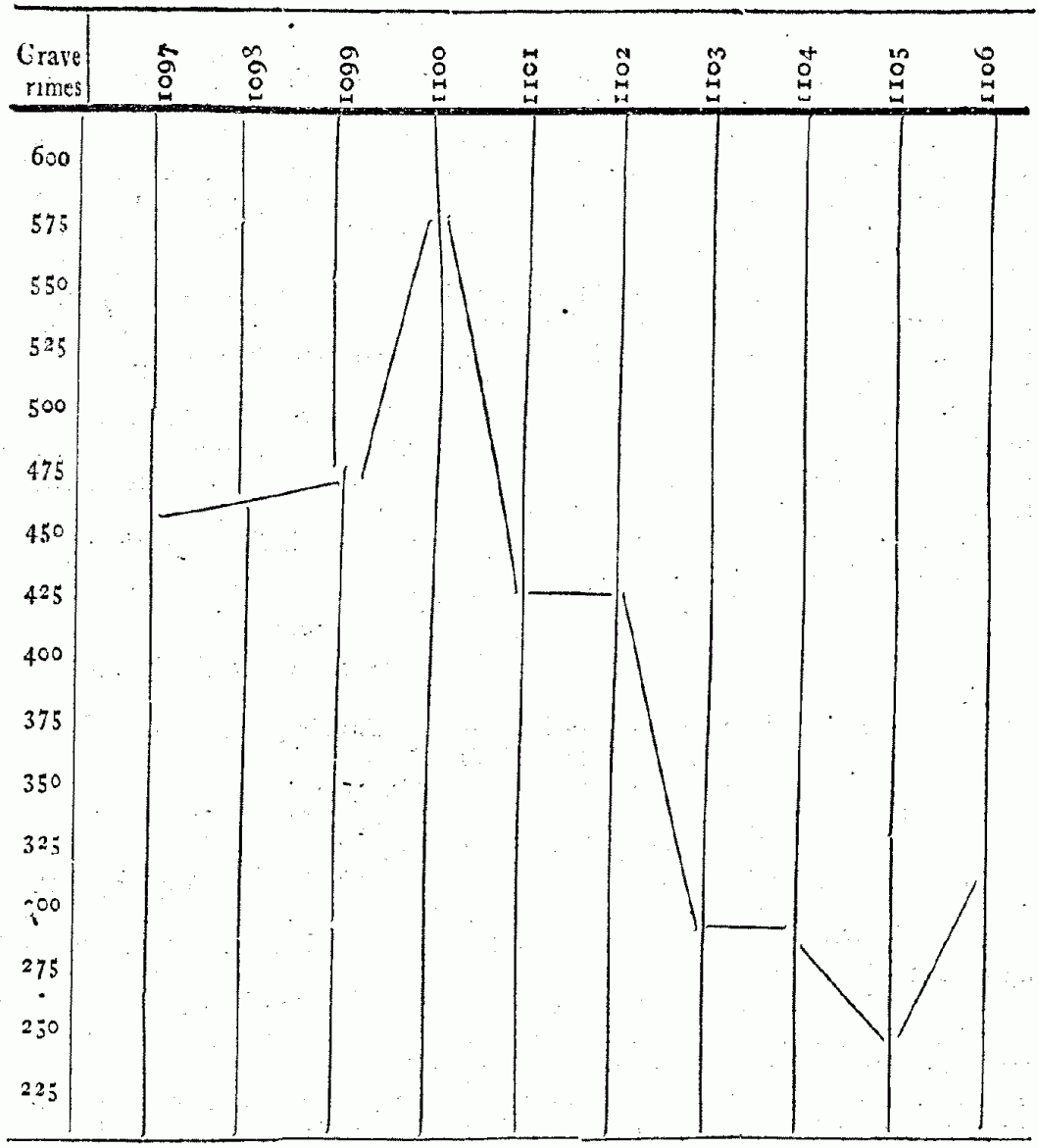
APPENDIX XVI.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 251*)

CRIME CHART.

YEARS.



NOTE.

No. of Grave crimes reported.

Year.		*No. of cases.*
1097	..	451
1098	..	463
1099	..	477
1100	..	573
1101	..	413
1102	..	410
1103	..	292
1104	..	294
1105	..	254
1106	..	329

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